[English]

International Conference on Hindi

3178. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the dates on which International Conferences on Hindi were organised in India;

(b) whether the Government propose to organised such conferences in the near future ; and

(c) if so, the time by which the next conference is likely to be organized and where?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti, Wardha, a voluntary Organisation, which receives grants in aid from Central Government, for promotion, development and propagation of Hindi, has in past organised two International Conferences in India in 1975 and 1983. However, No such Conference was organised by Central Government.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Extra Reservations Quota for Bellary

3179. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservations have been received for inclusion of one extra coach with extra quota for reservation in all compartments in trains for Bellary in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Load of 6591/6592 Hospet-Bangalore Hampi Express is being augmented by two second class sleeper coaches from 20.12.1991. In the Hospet Bangalore direction, these coaches will be booked from Bellary.

Rates for catering on SR Items

3180. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the charges for items of catering are exorbitantly high on Southern Railway; and

(b) if so, the corrective steps proposed to be taken in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Medical facilities to Government Servants and Pensioners

3181. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether facilities of heart pacemaker, replacement of heart-valves, engiography, By pass-surgery, replacement of pulse changer etc. are available to the government servants/pensioners free of cost;

(b) whether the public servants are entitled to free dental treatment and also

treatment of Spinal injuries as a matter of routine;

(c) whether these facilities are likely to be made available to the Government servants and pensioners in the hospitals of their choice; and

(d) if no, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Only routine treatment is available.

(c) and (d) At present, treatment facilities are available in Government hospitals and private hospitals recognised under the CGHS. It is not possible to make these facilities available to Government sevants and pensioners in the hospitals of their choice due to exorbitant rates being charged by some private hospitals.

[*Translation*]

Reservation Quota at Sasaram Station

3182. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the reservation quota in the passenger trains stopping at Sasaram station and also provide a halt for Deluxe Express there on Mughalsarai-Gaya Grand Chord Rail line;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The existing reservation quotas are adequate to meet the present level of demand.

Modernisation of Sasaram Station

3183. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering for the modernisation and expansion of the Sasaram railway station;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). Modernisation and expansion of stations is a continuous process and the same is done as per traffic requirements and relative priorities. Modernisation and expansion of Sasaram will also be taken up when so warranted subject to availability of funds.

[*English*]

New line from Rishikesh to Karanprayag

3184. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
KUMARI DIPIKA CHIKHLIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Survey has been conducted to lay a railway line from Rishikesh to Karanprayag (Garhwal);